



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 246

LCO No. 1308

Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:
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**AN ACT CONCERNING HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES
FOR FAMILIES WITH SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That chapter 319v of the general statutes be amended to require the
- 2 Commissioner of Social Services to develop flexible programs for
- 3 home and community- based services for families with special needs
- 4 children through: (1) An amendment to the Medicaid state plan to
- 5 permit implementation of the provisions of the federal Family
- 6 Opportunity Act to include services for children of families with
- 7 income at or below three hundred per cent of the federal poverty level;
- 8 (2) development of a state-funded health coverage pilot program with
- 9 cost-sharing requirements for families with special needs children and
- 10 income in excess of three hundred per cent of the federal poverty level;
- 11 (3) an amendment to the state children's health insurance plan that
- 12 permits use of a designated amount of unspent plan dollars for the
- 13 development of a HUSKY Plus program that offers benefits such as
- 14 expanded home care and durable medical equipment to families with
- 15 special needs children that meet defined eligibility criteria and pay
- 16 monthly income-based premiums; and (4) expansion of the Katie

- 17 Beckett model waiver program to the two hundred slots provided for
18 pursuant to section 17b-283 of the general statutes.

Statement of Purpose:

To expand the offering of state programs available to families with special needs children.